How a Drummer Was Mistaken For Another Man and Came Nearly Being Hanged.

Recently a sad looking drummer arrived in Little Rock. He had just made a tour of several of the northwestern counties, and, as he expressed it, had enough experience in one house toward the "shank" of his trip to serve for years of adventurous remniscence.

"Several days ago," said the drum-mer to a party of acquaintances last night at the Capital hotel, "I was rid-ing along through the woods, wet and weary and hungry. I had hired a horse at a farm house, and was accompanied by a colored boy on another horse, who was sent to take my horse back when I reached the railroad. Well, as I was riding along through the country where the road was a mere path, and where the woods were so thick that they reminded me of a perpetual evening, I was suddenly confronted by two men, who, with leveled guns, told me to hold up my hands. I would like to have had an explanation, but my hands went up Several other men advanced, and two of them searched me. They found a borrowed revolver and a watch. They did not take the watch, but relieved me of the pistol.

"What's the nigger doing with you?" one of them asked.

"I replied that he had been sent along to take my horse back when I reached the railroad.

"Yes; when you reach the railroad!" one of them said.

"I asked for an explanation, but they cursed me. I didn't know what to do, and it didn't seem that they desired me to do anything. They tied a rope around my neck.

"Let's swing him up here,' said one festive young fellow whom I took to be in something of a hurry.

"Then they began a debate. The colored boy was frightened out of his wits. Pretty soon they told him to go back, and to take my horse with him. To this he readily assented, and in a minute more I was on the ground. I begged for an explanation. One man solemnly pointed to the rope I wore.

"'Fellers,' remarked a thoughtful looking man, 'we'd better take him over and see if he is the right man.'

"This motion seemed to prevail. They threw me onto a horse behind a little fellow, and we started off through the woods. It seemed to me that we had traveled an age when we reached a clearing, in the center of which stood a small house. Several men were gathered in the yard, and I noticed excited women moving around. Our arrival was greeted with loud shouts.

"'Where's Abram?' asked the reached the gate. "'Abram' would be out in a few min-

utes. He came; an old man with gray hair and a hickory shirt.

"'We've got him, Uncle Abe,' said the man who had proposed to hang me 'and we're only waitin' for the word.'

"The old man regarded me for a moment and then said: "Boys, he ain't the man. Turn him

loose.'

"The rope was taken from my neck. 'What was I seized for?' I asked of Ab-

"Wall, you see,' he said, 'a feller came along here this morning an' tried to steal my dog. You ain't the man; you can go.

"I turned and walked away, and had gone about two miles when a man on a horse overtook me.

"The old man must see you,' he said; 'hurry back.'

"I trudged back to the farm house; the old man was at the gate.

"'What do you want?' I asked. "'I wanted to say, young feller, that it would be a good idea for you never,

never to steal a dog.' "Then I walked ten miles to the railroad. I have thought the matter over since, and blamed if I intena to steal a dog. What'll you all have?"

## A Western Wedding.

A newly elected justice of the peace, who had been used to drawing deeds and wills, and little else, was called upon as his first official act to marry a couple, who came into his office very He lost no time in removing his hat, and remarked:

court."

All being uncovored, he said:

belief you take this yer woman ter have depends upon experience -the beginan' ter hold fer yerself yer heirs exe- ning at the bottom, and step by step kyerters administrators and assigns, working one's way up. for your an' their use an' behoof forever?"

"I do," answered the groom.

for yer husband, ter hev an' ter hold agents and professional young men are forever; and you do further swear that daily seen seeking employment, or are you are lawfully seized in free-simple, eagerly watching the "Want Coland free from all incumbrance. an' hev umn" in the leading city dailies in the good right to sell, bargain an' convey vain hope that there may be an opento the said grantee yerself, yer heirs, ing. administrators and assigns?"

"I do," said the bride doubtfully.

an' fifty cents." "Yes, when the fee comes in."

After fumbling, it was produced and Jones, the butcher. Three years ago handed to the "court," who pocketed he wasn't worth a dollar. He's got s

sound body and disposin' mind, in con-sideration of a dollar'n fifty cents to ton Transcript.

me in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do and by these presents have declared you man and wife during good behavior and until otherwise ordered by the court."

## A Wonderful Cow.

Which Produces 800 Pounds of Buttter in Oue

A correspondent of the People and same place. Mr. Hoyt owned her for several years. He is a very careful, painstaking man, and did not own any other cow. The last year that she was in his possession he kept an attentive account of all the butter and will should be dropped in each bull and which the "Queen" produced. At the covered to the depth of about two inmade 746 pounds of butter. Many soon as all danger of frost is past, or were incredulous, notwithstanding the excellent reputation of Mr. Hoyt. In Josiah S. Kenerson, of Barnet, Vt., for \$175. Mr. Kenerson is well known throughout New England as the able passed. When the pods begin to turn agent for Bradley's phosphate. He brown it is time to harvest castor on christened her the "Jersey Queen," and the hot sup on a hard, clean surface, put her into careful hands. When she came in in the spring of 1881, he had an accurate account kept of her milk and beans to flip when the pods pop. A butter. She has already produced between 500 and 600 pounds of butter, ing yard is best." and unless she fails entirely at the "These printing end of the year her record will pass 800 butter for 174 pounds of milk. Mr. tin. Kenerson has just sold the "Queen" to A. B. Darling, proprietor of the Fifth Avenue hotel, of New York, for \$2,000 best cows in the world, "Eurotas' whose record is 750 pounds of butter in one year, and the "Jersey Queen," whose record will probably pass 800 pounds.
As some may be curious to know the amount of extra feed given the cow, here it is: Two quarts each of shorts and ground oats, and three pints each of corn meal, twice a day, making eleven quarts of the mixture in all. She had besides one peck of carrots in their season, and of course the best of MAGIC OIL. thoughtful man of our party when we hay and grass that could be afforded. This does not appear to be over feeding for a mature cow weighing 1075 pounds, and producing the amount of butter credited to her. The cow is of good size for this breed, straight and hand-some in form, shading in color from black to fawn, intersperced with white; has a yellowish skin, good shaped ud-der and teats, and very large milk veins. She appears to be in a good healthy condition, but not fat, and seems to bear well her feed and the drain made upon her system in the production of so much milk and butter. It is to be in the now progressing trial, and that in consequence Vermont can be credited with the learning trial and that hoped that she will come off "first best" ited with the largest amount of butter ever make from one cow in a year in the United States.

## Stick to the Farm.

We need in the country, and on the farm, the very class of wide-awake and energetic boys that at the beginning of each winter season thoughtlessly hurry pepsia. off to the large cities with a view of obtaining some more genteel occupation than that of farming. The promised mediate use in case of emergency, will often "diploma" from the business college is save a life or a long and tedious sickness. the ignis fatuus that lares him from a pursuit in which he is sure to make a Medicines. good living, and, if diligent, ultimately Southern Wholesale Depot, Dallas secure a competence.

It is a fatal mistake on the part of thousands of farmers' boys to suppose that after a few months' study in a commercial college they will be fitted for a position in some first-class wholesale establishment, supercede some of the hurriedly, and told him their surpose old clerks, and march right on and become head bookkeeper and then partner in the establishment. No greater "Hats off in the presence of the mistake could be made. Actual business is so different from the mere theory of it, that it is necessary to com-"Hold up yer right hands. You, pletely drop the latter from the mind John Markin, do you solemnly swear before it is able to grasp in detail the that to the best of your knowledge an' former. Real success in any business

A few days' observation in a large city at the present time will at once reveal the startling fact that thousands "You, Alice Ewer, take this yer man of clerks, bookkeepers, messengers,

"I do," said the bride doubtfully.
"Well, John that'd be about a dollar fortune lying in wait—." Up jumped a bullet-headed fellow in the northwest "Are we married?" asked the bride. corner to remark: "Well, I guess you're "Yes, when the fee comes in." bout right there, mister. There's Bill "Know all men by these presents, in weight." The bullet-headed man that I, bein' in good health and of said no more, but the lecturer was ill at

### The Castor Oil Bean.

A pamphlet issued by a New York tallow and soap manufacturing con-cern, gives the following brief instructions regarding the planting and culti-vation of the castor bean, that may be suggestive to growers of the plant in its appropriate latitude: "Almost any soil that will produce Indian corn will answer for the easter bean, but a sandy Patriot (N.H.) gives the following in- loam is preferable. The soil should be "Jerse, Queen of Barnet." He says: heavy, wet soils. The ground should be well plowed, and harrowed three or four times. The sand should be released. E. T. Fairbanks & Co., and purchased when only a few days old, together with ed five or six feet apart each way. Beher mother, by D. Harvey, of Peacham, tween the sixth and seventh rows the Vt. She was sold when nine months distance should be eight feet, to admit old to a farmer of that town for \$32. In six months from that time she was pur- crop. Hot water, a little below the chased by Asa Hoyt, a cooper of the boiling temperature, should be poured account of all the butter and milk should be dropped in each hill and end of the year he found that she had ches. The bean should be planted as about the time cotton is planted. Cultivate shallow, keep the weeds down 1870, however, the cow was resold to and the surface well pulverized. One stalk in a hill is sufficient, but do not thin out until the cut-worm season is the hot sun, on a hard, clean surface, allowing twelve to fifteen feet for the

"These printing presses," said a Boston newspaper proprietor to his Califorpounds. The trial began the first part of last May, and in one hundred days from the time commencing the yield country by R. Hoe & Co." "Don't say was 4403 pounds of milk, averaging so!" was the astonished reply; "well, 44.02 pounds per day, and from which the blasted Chinaman haven't got on so 251 pounds and 6 ounces of butter were made. This would be a fraction over this Ah Ho & Co., have been in the 24 pounds per day, and one pound of States?"—Boston Commercial Bulle-

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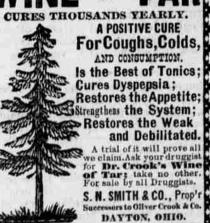
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